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1. Location and Layout:
See Annex.

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2. Purpose of installations:

When source was asked why he believed atomic research work was being done in buildings No 12, 13, and 14 of Annex he made the following statements:

a. A large water main burst near the boilerhouse (Item 11 of Annex) in August 1949. PWs were immediately dispatched to help but were not admitted to the site by the Soviet guard. This guard told the PWs: "Only Soviets with special authorizations issued by the Ministry have access because atomic research is being conducted here." The same statement was made by a construction worker assigned to the KPP bureau.

b. Khudyakov, deputy director of the KPP construction bureau, was murdered in late June 1949. Engineer Saslavski made the following comment on this incident: The murder was either a revengeful act or important documents brought by Khudyakov from the Ministry that very night were to be stolen.

c. When the funeral passed the KPP site, Saslovski mentioned the names of allegedly high-ranking officials of the Ministry who went in the procession, stating that such officials would only attend the funeral of important persons. This remark attracted considerable attention since chiefs of the local construction bureaus usually do not fall in this category.

3. Two German families whose children spoke a Saxon dialect lived in the house entered under 10 in the Annex. Fellow-PWs spoke with an unidentified German engineer there. Description: About 1.70 m tall, strongly built, black horn glasses, with a large mole on one of his cheeks.

... and the other pertinent questions relative to the production of

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Comment:

a. This is the first information on an atomic research institute in the Moscow town sector of Berebrany Lor. According to available information, a laboratory for nuclear physics was attached to the Physics Institute on Kalushkaya Ulitsa in the southwestern sector of Moscow. A new laboratory with a cyclotron for protons capable of an energy of 50 million ev and equipped with an 1,000-ton electro-magnet with a pole shoe of 3 meters in diameter was scheduled to be constructed near this institute under the supervision of Pro. Skobeltsyn. This laboratory was to be completed by 1943, but the project was abandoned during the war. It is not known whether the project was carried out and if so, where it was built.

b. The attached sketch does not permit an exact determination of the location of the alleged atomic laboratory for lack of suitable landmarks, particularly as an up-to-date town plan of Moscow is not available. It is assumed that the compass direction as stated in Annex is wrong by 30 to 45°. The data of the report are considered to be a basis for further checks.

1 Annex: Location and Layout of Atomic Research Institute
Allegedly in the Berebrany Lor Section of Moscow.

Legend to Annex

A. Town section of Berebrany Lor

- 1 Road, about 2 1/2 km to the fork of Leningrad Shosse
- 2 Settlement under construction
- 3 Street to the center of Moscow
- 4 Construction of a "pressure sewerage system" called ILC-Project
- 5 Railroad line
- 6 PW Camp No 7435, in existence since August 1949
- 7 Nine one-family houses for Soviet engineers employed in (E)
- 8 Construction of a new settlement
- 9 Soviet club house with several small annexes
- 10 Two houses for German engineers employed in (E)

B. Laboratoria; institute for atomic research (Soviet statement)

- 11 Boilerhouse (Soviet statement)
- 12 Renovated five-story building with a frontage of about 250 meters; in its set-up similar to administration buildings.
- 13 and 14 Three newly constructed six-story buildings, completed in August 1949, arrangement of windows same as 12 above.
- 15 KPP construction bureau.